

1      **CLAIMS**

2      What is claimed is:

3            1. A method comprising:  
4                    establishing authentication information, said authentication information  
5                    including time information associated with authenticating logic;  
6                    with first logic, establishing credential information; and  
7                    outputting an authentication request comprising said authentication  
8                    information and said credential information, said authentication request being  
9                    cryptographically modified.

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11            2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said first logic is  
12            configured to output said authentication request.

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14            3. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein second logic this is  
15            operatively coupled to said first logic is configured to output said authentication  
16            request.

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18            4. The method as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:  
19                    with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic, receiving  
20                    said authentication request and outputting a selectively modified authentication  
21                    request.

1       5.     The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

2              with authenticating logic that is operatively configured to receive said  
3 authentication request, at least validating said authentication information, and  
4 authenticating said credential information.

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6       6.     The method as recited in Claim 5, further comprising:

7              with said authenticating logic, outputting an authentication response  
8 comprising authentication approval information and corresponding cryptography  
9 information.

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11       7.     The method as recited in Claim 6, further comprising:

12              with said first logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
13 response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information and outputting  
14 said retrieved cryptography information.

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16       8.     The method as recited in Claim 7, further comprising:

17              with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic and said  
18 authentication logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response  
19 and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said authentication  
20 approval information.

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22       9.     The method as recited in Claim 6, further comprising:

23              with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
24 response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information.

1       10. The method as recited in Claim 9, further comprising:

2             with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
3 response and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said  
4 authentication approval information.

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6       11. The method as recited in Claim 6, wherein said authentication  
7 request is cryptographically modified by encryption using a private key.

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9       12. The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein said private key is  
10 associated with said first logic.

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12       13. The method as recited in Claim 11, wherein said private key is  
13 associated with said second logic.

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15       14. The method as recited in Claim 11, further comprising:  
16             with said authenticating logic, retrieving said authentication information  
17 and said credential information from said authentication request using a public key  
18 pair-wise associated with said private key.

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20       15. The method as recited in Claim 14, further comprising:  
21             with said authenticating logic:  
22                 establishing a temporary key;  
23                 encrypting said temporary key using said public key to form said  
24 corresponding cryptography information; and

1            encrypting said authentication approval information using said temporary  
2 key.

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4        16. The method as recited in Claim 15, further comprising:  
5            with said second logic, providing said encrypted temporary key to said first  
6 logic; and

7            with said first logic, retrieving said temporary key from said encrypted  
8 temporary key using said private key.

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10       17. The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising:  
11            with said first logic, providing said retrieved temporary key to said second  
12 logic; and

13            with said second logic, retrieving said authentication approval information  
14 using said retrieved temporary key.

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16       18. The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein said temporary key  
17 includes a symmetric key.

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19       19. The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein said first logic is  
20 substantially provided in a first device that includes a credential gathering  
21 mechanism configurable to establish said credential information, said second logic  
22 is provided at least partially in a second device, and said authenticating logic is  
23 provided at least partially in a third device.

1       20. The method as recited in Claim 19, wherein said credential gathering  
2 mechanism is configurable to establish biometric information.

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4       21. The method as recited in Claim 19, wherein said second device  
5 includes at least one computer operatively configured as a client device, and said  
6 third device includes a computer operatively configured as a server device.

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8       22. The method as recited in Claim 19, further comprising:  
9           generating said authentication information using at least one logic selected  
10 from said second logic and said authenticating logic.

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12       23. The method as recited in Claim 19, wherein said second logic  
13 modifies said authentication request by including certificate information in a  
14 modified authentication request.

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16       24. The method as recited in Claim 23, wherein said authenticating logic  
17 is configured to validate said authentication request based at least in part on said  
18 certificate information.

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20       25. The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said authenticating logic  
21 is configured to validate said authentication information based on at least nonce  
22 data and timestamp data within said authentication information.

1        26. The method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said authenticating logic  
2 is configured to authenticate said credential information by logically comparing  
3 said credential information with stored credential information.

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5        27. The method as recited in Claim 8, wherein said authentication  
6 approval information includes an access token for use by said second device.

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8        28. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said authentication  
9 information includes nonce data and said time information includes timestamp  
10 data.

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12        29. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said authentication  
13 request includes at least one type of data selected from a group of data comprising  
14 identifier data, nonce data, signature data, timestamp data, and credential data.

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16        30. A computer readable medium having computer implementable  
17 instructions for causing one or more processing units to perform acts comprising:

18              establishing authentication information, said authentication information  
19 including time information associated with authenticating logic;

20              outputting an authentication request comprising said authentication  
21 information and credential information, said authentication request being  
22 cryptographically modified.

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24        31. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 30, wherein first  
25 logic is configured to output said authentication request.

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2       32. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 31, wherein  
3 second logic this is operatively coupled to said first logic is configured to output  
4 said authentication request and said first logic is configured to provide said  
5 credential information.

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7       33. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 31, having  
8 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
9 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

10             11 with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic, receiving  
12 said authentication request and outputting a selectively modified authentication  
request.

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14       34. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 30, having  
15 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
16 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

17             18 with authenticating logic that is operatively configured to receive said  
19 authentication request, at least validating said authentication information, and  
authenticating said credential information.

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21       35. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 34, having  
22 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
23 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

1           with said authenticating logic, outputting an authentication response  
2 comprising authentication approval information and corresponding cryptography  
3 information.

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5       36. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 35, having  
6 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
7 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

8           with said first logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
9 response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information and outputting  
10 said retrieved cryptography information.

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12      37. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 36, having  
13 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
14 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

15           with second logic that is operatively coupled to said first logic and said  
16 authentication logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication response  
17 and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said authentication  
18 approval information.

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20      38. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 35, having  
21 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
22 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

23           with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
24 response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information.

1           39. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 38, having  
2 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
3 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

4           with said second logic, accessing at least a portion of said authentication  
5 response and using said retrieved cryptography information retrieve said  
6 authentication approval information.

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8           40. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 35, wherein said  
9 authentication request is cryptographically modified by encryption using a private  
10 key.

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12          41. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 40, wherein said  
13 private key is associated with said first logic.

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15          42. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 40, wherein said  
16 private key is associated with said second logic.

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18          43. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 40, having  
19 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
20 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

21           with said authenticating logic, retrieving said authentication information  
22 and said credential information from said authentication request using a public key  
23 pair-wise associated with said private key.

1       44. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 43, having  
2 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
3 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

4              with said authenticating logic;  
5              establishing a temporary key;  
6              encrypting said temporary key using said public key to form said  
7 corresponding cryptography information; and  
8              encrypting said authentication approval information using said temporary  
9 key.

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11       45. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 44, having  
12 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
13 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

14              with said second logic, providing said encrypted temporary key to said first  
15 logic; and  
16              with said first logic, retrieving said temporary key from said encrypted  
17 temporary key using said private key.

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19       46. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 45, having  
20 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
21 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

22              with said first logic, providing said retrieved temporary key to said second  
23 logic; and  
24              with said second logic, retrieving said authentication approval information  
25 using said retrieved temporary key.

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2       47. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 44, wherein said  
3 temporary key includes a symmetric key.

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5       48. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 37, wherein said  
6 first logic is substantially provided in a first device that includes a credential  
7 gathering mechanism configurable to establish said credential information, said  
8 second logic is provided at least partially in a second device, and said  
9 authenticating logic is provided at least partially in a third device.

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11      49. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 48, wherein said  
12 credential gathering mechanism is configurable to establish biometric information.

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14      50. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 48, wherein said  
15 second device includes at least one computer operatively configured as a client  
16 device, and said third device includes a computer operatively configured as a  
17 server device.

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19      51. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 48, having  
20 computer implementable instructions for causing one or more processing units to  
21 perform further acts comprising at least one of the following acts:

22           generating said authentication information using at least one logic selected  
23 from said second logic and said authenticating logic.

1       52. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 48, wherein said  
2 second logic modifies said authentication request by including certificate  
3 information in a modified authentication request.

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5       53. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 52, wherein said  
6 authenticating logic is configured to validate said authentication request based at  
7 least in part on said certificate information.

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9       54. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 34, wherein said  
10 authenticating logic is configured to validate said authentication information based  
11 on at least nonce data and timestamp data within said authentication information.

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13       55. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 34, wherein said  
14 authenticating logic is configured to authenticate said credential information by  
15 logically comparing said credential information with stored credential information.

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17       56. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 37, wherein said  
18 authentication approval information includes an access token for use by said  
19 second device.

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21       57. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 30, wherein said  
22 authentication information includes nonce data and said time information includes  
23 timestamp data.

1       58. The computer readable medium as recited in Claim 30, wherein said  
2 authentication request includes at least one type of data selected from a group of  
3 data comprising identifier data, nonce data, signature data, timestamp data, and  
4 credential data.

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6       59. A system comprising:  
7           an authentication device having authentication logic;  
8           a first device having first logic;  
9           a second having second logic that is operatively coupled to said  
10 authentication logic and said first logic; and  
11           wherein:

12           at least one of said authenticating logic and said second logic is configured  
13 to provide authentication information to said first logic, said authentication  
14 information including time information associated with said authenticating logic;

15           said first logic is configured to establish credential information,  
16           at least one logic selected from said first logic and second logic is  
17 configured to output an authentication request comprising said authentication  
18 information and said credential information, said authentication request being  
19 cryptographically modified;

20           said second logic is configured to output said authentication request; and

21           said authenticating logic is configured to receive said authentication  
22 request, and at least validate said authentication information, and authenticate said  
23 credential information.

1       60. The system as recited in Claim 59, wherein:

2           said authenticating logic is further configured to output an authentication  
3 response comprising authentication approval information and corresponding  
4 cryptography information.

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6       61. The system as recited in Claim 60, wherein said authentication  
7 approval information includes an access token for use by said second device.

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9       62. The system as recited in Claim 60, wherein:

10          said first logic is further configured to access at least a portion of said  
11 authentication response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information  
12 and output said retrieved cryptography information; and

13          said second logic is further configured to access at least a portion of said  
14 authentication response and use said retrieved cryptography information output by  
15 said first logic to retrieve said authentication approval information.

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17       63. The system as recited in Claim 62, wherein;

18          said first logic is further configured to cryptographically modify said  
19 authentication request by encryption using a private key; and

20          said authenticating logic is further configured to retrieve said authentication  
21 information and said credential information from said authentication request using  
22 a public key pair-wise associated with said private key.

1       64. The system as recited in Claim 63, wherein:

2           said authenticating logic is further configured to establish a temporary key,  
3 encrypt said temporary key using said public key to form said corresponding  
4 cryptography information, and encrypt said authentication approval information  
5 using said temporary key;

6           said second logic is further configured to provide said encrypted temporary  
7 key to said first logic;

8           said first logic is further configured to retrieve said temporary key from  
9 said encrypted temporary key using said private key, and provide said retrieved  
10 temporary key to said second logic; and

11          said second logic is further configured to retrieve said authentication  
12 approval information using said retrieved temporary key.

15       65      The system as recited in Claim 60, wherein:

16          said second logic is further configured to access at least a portion of said  
17 authentication response to retrieve said corresponding cryptography information  
18 and use said retrieved cryptography information to retrieve said authentication  
19 approval information.

1       66. An apparatus comprising:

2           a credential gathering mechanism configurable to establish credential

3 information;

4           first logic operatively coupled to said credential gathering mechanism and  
5 configured to access authentication information, said authentication information  
6 including time information associated with externally operating authenticating  
7 logic, and output an authentication request comprising said authentication  
8 information and said credential information, said authentication request being  
9 cryptographically modified.

10      67. The apparatus as recited in Claim 66, wherein said credential

11 information includes biometric credential information.

14       68. An apparatus comprising:

15           means for identifying authentication information that includes time  
16 information associated with authenticating logic;

17           means for establishing credential information;

18           means for outputting an authentication request comprising said  
19 authentication information and said credential information, said authentication  
20 request being cryptographically modified;

21           means for receiving said authentication request;

22           means for validating said authentication request;

23           means for validating said authentication information; and

24           means for authenticating said credential information.